

the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of the final certificate therefor.

(Mar. 3, 1891, ch. 561, §1, 26 Stat. 1095; Mar. 3, 1893, ch. 208, 27 Stat. 593; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

An Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies,'" approved June 14, 1878, referred to in text, is act June 14, 1878, ch. 190, 20 Stat. 113, which is not classified to the Code.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

"Such officers as the Secretary may designate" substituted for "registers" on authority of section 403 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946. See note set out under section 1 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER V—OREGON AND CALIFORNIA RAILROAD AND COOS BAY WAGON ROAD GRANT LANDS

§ 1181a. Conservation management by Department of the Interior; permanent forest production; sale of timber; subdivision

Notwithstanding any provisions in the Acts of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), and February 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179), as amended, such portions of the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands as are or may hereafter come under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, which have heretofore or may hereafter be classified as timberlands, and power-site lands valuable for timber, shall be managed, except as provided in section 1181c¹ of this title, for permanent forest production, and the timber thereon shall be sold, cut, and removed in conformity with the principal² of sustained yield for the purpose of providing a permanent source of timber supply, protecting watersheds, regulating stream flow, and contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industries, and providing recreational facilities;³ *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with the use and development of power sites as may be authorized by law.

The annual productive capacity for such lands shall be determined and declared as promptly as possible after August 28, 1937, but until such determination and declaration are made the average annual cut therefrom shall not exceed one-half billion feet board measure: *Provided*, That timber from said lands in an amount not less than one-half billion feet board measure, or not less than the annual sustained yield capacity when the same has been determined and declared, shall be sold annually, or so much thereof as can be sold at reasonable prices on a normal market.

¹ See References in Text note below.

² So in original. Probably should be "principle".

³ So in original. Probably should be "facilities".

If the Secretary of the Interior determines that such action will facilitate sustained-yield management, he may subdivide such revested lands into sustained-yield forest units, the boundary lines of which shall be so established that a forest unit will provide, insofar as practicable, a permanent source of raw materials for the support of dependent communities and local industries of the region; but until such subdivision is made the land shall be treated as a single unit in applying the principle of sustained yield: *Provided*, That before the boundary lines of such forest units are established, the Department, after published notice thereof, shall hold a hearing thereon in the vicinity of such lands open to the attendance of State and local officers, representatives of dependent industries, residents, and other persons interested in the use of such lands. Due consideration shall be given to established lumbering operations in subdividing such lands when necessary to protect the economic stability of dependent communities. Timber sales from a forest unit shall be limited to the productive capacity of such unit and the Secretary is authorized, in his discretion, to reject any bids which may interfere with the sustained-yield management plan of any unit.

(Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 876, title I, §1, 50 Stat. 874.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1181c of this title, referred to in first par., was repealed by Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, §702, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2787.

Acts of June 9, 1916, and February 26, 1919, referred to in text, are acts June 9, 1916, ch. 137, 39 Stat. 218 and Feb. 26, 1919, ch. 47, 40 Stat. 1179, respectively, which are not classified to the Code.

REPEALS

Act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 876, title II (last par.), 50 Stat. 876, provided: "All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with this Act [sections 1181a to 1181f of this title] are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give full force and effect to this Act."

SAVINGS PROVISION

Provisions of Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, in the event of conflict or inconsistency with the act of August 28, 1937, sections 1181a et seq. of this title, insofar as relating to management of timber resources, etc., not to supersede, see section 701 of Pub. L. 94-579, set out as a note under section 1701 of this title.

LEASE OF SMALL TRACTS FOR RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL, OR COMMUNITY SITE PURPOSES

Lease of small tracts of the lands described in this section for residential, recreational, or community site purposes, and conditions with respect thereto, see section 682e of this title.

§ 1181b. Cooperative agreements with other agencies or private owners for coordinated administration

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion, to make cooperative agreements with other Federal or State forest administrative agencies or with private forest owners or operators for the coordinated administration, with respect to time, rate, method of cutting, and sustained yield, of forest units comprising parts of revested or reconveyed lands, together with lands in private ownership or under the ad-